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LB 628

LR 124, 125, 126
127, 128, 129

SPEAKER NICHOL: Let's have it quiet so the Clerk can hear.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 17 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion fails. Do you have another one?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you want to read something in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an Attorney General's opinion addressed to Senator Haberman, DeCamp, and Beutler regarding special session bill. (See pages 2021-23 in the Journal). Mr. President, I have a, there'll be a meeting of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee on Friday, May 6 at ten o'clock underneath the North balcony. That's signed by Senator Landis. Mr. President, the study resolutions. LR 124 calls for, (read LR 124.) (See pages 2023-24 in the Journal). 125 offered by Senators Schmit, Remmers, DeCamp, Clark, Beyer, Haberman, and Newell calls for, (read LR 125.) (See page 2024 in the Journal). 126 by the Banking Committee, (reads LR 126.) (See pages 2024-25 in the Journal). 127 by the Banking Committee, (read LR 127) (See pages 2025-26 in the Journal). 128 by Senator Fowler calls for, (read LR 128.) (See page 2026 in the Journal). And 129 by Senator Fowler calls for a study, (read LR 129) (See pages 2026-27 in the Journal). Mr. President, the next amendment I have is from Senator Kilgarin. Senator Kilgarin would move to return LB 628 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment being, (read amendment.) (See page 2027 in the Journal).

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Kilgarin.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This \$39,000 is going to go for a Victim-Witness unit. You know we hear a lot of talk and a lot of rhetoric about victims of crime and in the original committee appropriation we recognize that we have shortchanged our victims of crime for many years and this was a \$39,000 appropriation to set up a Victim-Witness unit in Omaha like you have in Lincoln and Kearney. And to achieve this \$39,000 addition to the, to the budget bill, we worked with some vacancy savings and we, we came up with a cut of \$38,900 to that particular program. So we cut \$38,900 and then we added \$39,000 so we added about \$100 in the wash. And then during the, when the committee went back and looked at some special cuts again, we again took an additional \$39,000 out of this program. I don't think it's right and I don't think it's fair to the victims of crime, to the criminal justice system to not only penalize them once but to penalize them twice. I would urge your support of the \$39,000. It's a small, some small support that we can give